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DHS Announces Food Stamp Disaster Relief

(Little Rock--) The Department of Human Services has announced counties eligible to receive Food Stamp Disaster Assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, has approved the following counties for the Disaster Food Stamp Program (DFSP) as a result of the May 2nd severe storms and tornados: Benton, Crittenden, Mississippi, Cleburne, Conway, Lonoke, Van Buren, Saline, Grant and Pulaski. Any household that resided within one of the designated counties at the time of the May 2nd severe storms and tornados and suffered disaster losses may be eligible to receive temporary food stamp assistance.

Residents in any of the designated counties may be eligible if the household experienced at least one of the following conditions as a direct result of the **May 2, 2008** storms and tornados:

- Loss of food
- Damage to or destruction of the home or self-employment business.
- Loss or inaccessibility of income including a reduction or termination of income or a significant delay in receiving income due to disaster related problems.
- Disaster-related expenses (home or business repairs, temporary shelter, evacuation, etc) that are not expected to be reimbursed during the disaster benefit period.

Please note that residents seeking assistance may apply beginning Tuesday, May 27, 2008 through Monday, June 2, 2008 to be eligible for the Food Stamp Disaster Program. To apply please contact your local DHS office.